

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
JUL 06 2007

Appl. No.: 10/524,710

Amdt. Dated July 6, 2007

Response to Advisory Action Mailed June 6, 2007

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A driver structure configured to drive a U-character shaped staple including a pair of leg portions configured to pass through a bundle of papers and a crown for connecting the pair of leg portions, the driver structure comprising:

a blade edge disposed to be in contact with the staple;

a first projecting parts pair of projections, each projection of said first pair being provided at an opposite end portions portion of the blade edge, and being disposed to be in contact with each a corner formed between the crown and each one of the leg portions for pressing the pair of leg portions portion perpendicularly when the pair of leg portions pass portion passes through the bundle of papers; and

a second projecting parts pair of projections, each projection of said second pair being provided on the blade edge in vicinity of one of the projections of said first pair, first projecting parts and being configured to be in contact with the crown in vicinity of one of the pair of leg portions when the pair of leg portions pass portion passes through the bundle of papers,

wherein each projection of the said second pair projecting parts has a corner portion disposed adjacent to one of the corner corners of the staple, which engages with the crown and is configured to prevent the ~~corners~~ corner of the ~~leg portions~~ staple from slipping toward a central side of the crown, and

wherein each projection of the said first projecting parts have pair has a guiding surfaces surface positioned at least partially outside of an outside edge to guide outsides of one of the leg portions, so as to guide said outside edge of the leg portion and restrict the broadening of a leading ends end of the leg portions portion when the leg portions portion of the staple ~~pass~~ passes through the bundle of papers.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The driver structure according to claim 1, further comprising a ~~third projecting part~~ middle projection provided on the blade edge between the projections of said second pair, projecting parts to hold the crown of the staple when the pair of leg portions pass through the bundle of papers.

4. (Currently Amended) The driver structure according to claim 3, wherein the ~~third projecting part~~ middle projection comprises a crown pressing portion to press the crown.